



Ronald W. Hoffman

The funeral for Ronald W. Hoffman, 41, Groton, was held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church with the Rev. F. Philip Strain officiating.

Burial was in Groton Union Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Home. Military graveside rites were conducted by the Groton American Legion Post No. 39.

He died at St. Luke's Hospital Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1987.

Ronald W. Hoffman was born August 16, 1946, at Grafton, N.D., to E. Walter and Margaret (Otto) Hoffman. He graduated from Grafton High School in 1964. He attended the University of North Dakota and then he served three years in the U.S. Army at Fort Monmouth, N.J., and in Lenggries, West Germany. After

his discharge he returned to the university.

He married Janice Schildberger at Park River, N.D. He worked for the Polar Telephone Company at Park River from May 1972 until September 1976. They moved to Brookings and he worked for the Brookings Telephone Company from February 1977 until November 1982. They moved to Groton and he was hired as the general manager of the James Valley Cooperative Telephone at Groton.

He was a past president of the Managers Association of the South Dakota Association of Telephone Cooperatives. He was state coordinator for the National Telephone Cooperative Association Legislative Conference. He was South Dakota planning representative for the Tri-State Telephone operations conference. He was a member of the South Dakota Association of Telephone Cooperatives and the South Dakota Independent Telephone Coalition.

He served on the Emmanuel Lutheran Church council. He was a member of Groton Kiwanis Club, Groton Chamber of Commerce and Groton American Legion Post No. 39.

Survivors include his wife, Janice, Groton; four daughters, Janet, Elizabeth, Rebecca, and Jessica, all at home; his parents, Grafton; and one sister, Mrs. Richard (Jaynette) Lesko, Grafton.

Honorary casketbearers were the James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company directors. Active casketbearers were Bill Ewalt, Ronald Hoops, Leo Kersting, Robert Marske, Robert Meister and Al Schauer.

The organist was Mrs. Douglas Doeden. The soloist, Paige Sandy, sang "In The Garden" and on "Eagles Wings". The congregation sang, "Amazing Grace" and "Silent Night". The reader was Wade Sandy.